



St Anne's RC Primary

MISSION STATEMENT

'To live happily, love unconditionally and learn enthusiastically with Jesus by our side.'

Home School Agreement

St Anne's is a catholic school living out the gospel values in order to ensure that our school is a safe and happy place for everyone.

Mutual respect, praise and encouragement are at the heart of all that we do. The uniqueness of every child is nurtured so that they achieve their full potential both academically and spiritually.

Guided by gospel values, the partnership of home, school and parish prepare the children for challenges today and tomorrow.

The School's Commitment

As a school we will:

- provide a caring and supportive learning environment where each child is a valued member of our community;
- offer a high standard of teaching;
- provide a broad, balanced and relevant curriculum which makes learning exciting and interesting
- provide high quality resources (including ICT equipment);
- promote high standards of work and behaviour, providing clear guidelines and systems to ensure children know what behaviour is expected.
- provide opportunities for you to meet teachers and discuss your child's progress;
- provide an annual report for your records;
- set regular homework and home learning to enhance the school curriculum;
- introduce children to a work ethic that will prepare them for their next steps in education
- provide guidance on how you can support learning at home;
- take a positive role in the local community to include building partnerships that enhance and enrich children's school experience;
 - maintain close links with our local church, provide a daily act of prayer and engage in the liturgical year of the church
- endeavour to help with any concerns that you have about your child's pastoral or academic needs.

As a Family, I/we will:

- make sure that my child arrives at school on time, ready for the day
- make sure that my child attends school, regularly, informing the school promptly when they
are unable to attend;
- make sure that my child comes to school with the correct school uniform, school PE Kit
swimming kit (when needed) and book bag
- support my child's academic progress by making sure that they complete all homework read
every day and learn maths facts and spellings;
- keep informed about the life of the school by signing up to arbor, class dojo and reading school newsletters and text messages or emails
- attend parent's evenings and read annual reports;
- support the school's behaviour policy;
- work positively with the school keeping them informed of any concerns;
- support the school's policy on attendance by: -
 - *not taking holidays during term time
 - *attempting to make medical appointments out of school hours.

As a parent/carer I will

- Respect the caring ethos and values of our school
- Work together with school staff for the benefit of their children
- Treat all members of the school community with respect using appropriate language and behaviour

- Approach the school to help resolve any issues of concern
- Where appropriate, clarify a child's version of events with the school's view in order to bring about a peaceful solution to any issue

In order to support a peaceful and safe school environment, the school will not tolerate parents, carers or visitors exhibiting the following:

- Disruptive or other inappropriate behaviour which interferes or threatens to interfere with any of the school's operation or activities anywhere on the school premises
- Approaching another parent or child in order to discuss or chastise them because of an issue between the children (such an approach to a child may be seen to be an assault on that child and may have legal consequences) – please talk to a member of staff to resolve problems
- Using loud or offensive language or displaying temper
- Threatening, in any way, a member of school staff, visitor, fellow parent/carers or pupil
- Using physical or verbal aggression towards another adult or child, including physical punishment of your own child on school premises
- Any other behaviour, verbal or otherwise, which could be considered to be inappropriate, offensive, or abusive
- Sending abusive or threatening e-mails, text/voicemail/phone messages, or other written communications to anyone within the school community
- Defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments regarding the school or any of the pupils/parents/carers/staff at the school on Facebook or other social media (See Appendix below)
- Damaging or destroying school property

- Smoking, taking illegal drugs or the consumption of alcohol on school premises (alcohol may only be consumed during authorised events)
- Taking photographs with phones or other devices on school premises without permission from the school

If we are unable to resolve issues in a reasonable manner, the school may have to ban parents/carers/visitors from entering the school grounds, and in extreme cases we may need to involve the police.

We trust that parents, carers and visitors will assist our school with the implementation of this policy and we thank you for your continuing support of the school.

We ask that parents and carers ensure they make all persons responsible for collecting their children aware of this policy.

Inappropriate use of social network sites

Social media websites are being used increasingly to fuel campaigns and complaints against schools, head teachers, school staff, and in some cases other parents/pupils. The governors consider the use of social media websites being used in this way as unacceptable and not in the best interests of the children or the whole school community. Any concerns you may have must be made through the appropriate channels by speaking to the class teacher, the head teacher or the chair of governors, so they can be dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively for all concerned.

Libellous or defamatory posts

In the event that any student or parent/carer of a child being educated at the school is found to be posting libellous or defamatory comments on Facebook or other social network sites, they will be reported to the appropriate 'report abuse' section of the network site. All social network sites have clear rules about the content which can be posted on the site and they provide robust mechanisms to report contact or activity which breaches this. The school will also expect that any parent/carer or student removes such comments immediately.

Cyber bullying

We take very seriously the issue of cyber bullying by one child or a parent to publicly humiliate another by inappropriate social network entry. We will deal with this as a serious incident of school bullying. Thankfully such incidents are extremely rare.

In serious cases the school will also consider its legal options to deal with any such misuse of social networking and other sites.